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SUBJ: PRAVDA REPORTS PLO BOYCOTT OF ARAB LEAGUE MEETING

1. PRAVDA ON OCTOBER 15 CARRIES A TASS ITEM DEATLINED
ALGIERS REPORTING THAT THE PLO REPRESENTATION IN
THAT CITY HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE PLO WILL NOT
PARTICIPATE IN THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF ARAB
LEAGUE FOREIGN MINISTERS WHICH IS BEING CONVENED TO
DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN LEBANON. THE PLO STATEMENT,
ACCORDING TO TASS, CLAIMS THAT "THE PLO CONSIDERS
THE MEETING TO BE A NEW ATTEMPT TO PUT OUR LEBANESE
BROTHERS IN A DIFFICULT POSITION AND TO PUSH THE ARAB
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PEOPLES INTO A BATTLE FAR FROM DANGEROUS EVENTS IN

THE AREA, ESPECIALLY THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI AGREEMENT
ON THE SINAI."

2. COMMENT: PRAVDA THEREBY SEEMINGLY CHOOSES TO SIDE
WITH THE PLO AGAINST THE ARAB LEAGUE. THOUGH WE HESITATE
TO DRAW SWEEPING CONCLUSIONS FROM THIS SINGLE ITEM,
MOSCOW MAY NOW CONSIDER THAT THE PRESENT ATTITUDE OF
SADAT (AND FORCES SUPPORTING HIM IN THE LEAGUE) TOWARD
THE SOVIETUNION HAS PREJUDICED ANY USEFULNESS THAT
ORGANIZATION MAY AT ONE TIME HAVE HAD FOR IT.
END COMMENT
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